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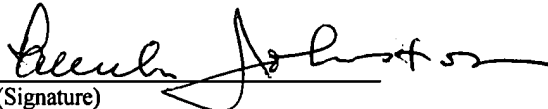
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the patent application of

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For: **COMPOUND HANDLING SYSTEM**

Enclosed are:

1. X 1 patent application data sheet
2. X 2 sheet(s) of drawing. [X] formal [] informal
3. X 3 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney
4. page(s) of Sequence Listing
5. computer disk(s) containing Sequence Listing
6. Statement under 37 CFR § 1.821 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.825
7. X 6 pgs. of specification, 2 pgs. of claims, 1pg. of abstract

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$270	
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13. Priority - 35 U.S.C. § 119

FOREIGN PRIORITY

[X] Foreign Priority of application(s) number 97116891.9 filed on September 29, 1997 in Europe is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 35 U.S.C. § 365(a)-(b).

[X] The certified copy(ies) has(have) been filed in prior U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/156,074 on November 9, 1998.

[] The certified copy(ies) will follow.

PRIORITY TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

[] Priority of prior provisional application(s) Serial No. filed on is(are) claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

[] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence: --
This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of provisional application(s)
Serial No. _____, filed _____. --

14. RELATION BACK UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

(A) [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following sentence: -- This is a [X] continuation [] divisional of copending application(s) [X] Serial No. 09/156,074 filed on September 17, 1998. --

(B) [X] A copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application noted above is enclosed.

15. [X] INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE (USEABLE IF ITEMS 14 (A) AND (B) ARE CHECKED) AND IF YOU ARE FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). N.B. MUST INCLUDE COPY OF PRIOR SPECIFICATION

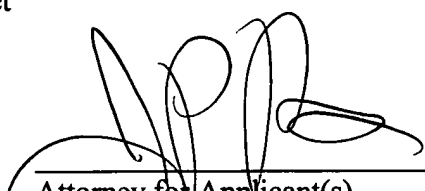
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under 12. (B), is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

16. [X] The power of attorney in prior application is to:

- a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.
- b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [] Recognize as associate attorney _____.

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